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22. (New) The carbon powder as claimed in claim 21, wherein the C_0 is 0.6730 nm or less.

- 23. (New) The carbon powder as claimed in claim 21 or 22, which is carbon black.
- 24. (New) The carbon powder as claimed in claim 21, which shows a volume resistivity of 0.1 W•cm or less in the pressurized state under a pressure of 2 MPa.
- 25. (New) The carbon powder as claimed in claim 21, wherein the boron content is in a range of 0.1 to 5% by mass.
- 26. (New) The carbon powder as claimed in claim 21, wherein N_2 absorption specific surface area (BET) is in a range of 50 to 400 m²/g.